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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN REACTION TO SOVIET-LIBYAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION

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1. EGYPTIANS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT SOVIET-LIBYAN NUCLEAR REACTOR ALTHOUGH THIS ASPECT TENDS TO BE SUBSUMED IN OVERALL EGYPTIAN DISPLEASURE WITH RECENT SOVIET-LIBYAN ARMS DEAL. GOE IS STILL TRYING TO ASCERTAIN ALL THE FACTS, BUT OFF-HAND COMMENTS ARE BEING MADE BY OFFICIALS THAT LIBYANS MIGHT TRY TO USE REACTOR TO ACQUIRE NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAPABILITY. LIBYAN SIGNING OF THE NPT HAS NOT APPRECIABLY ALTERED THESE NEGATIVE REACTIONS.

2. EGYPTIANS ALSO SEE AGREEMENT AS A SOVIET PLOY TO SHOW EGYPTIANS HOW GENEROUS THEY ARE WITH FRIENDLY STATES. A FEW EGYPTIANS HAVE RUEFULLY CONTRASTED SOVIET ACTION WITH OUR OWN SLOWNESS IN PROCEEDING WITH US-EGYPTIAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT.

3. IN GENERAL, EGYPTIANS ARE PERSUADED THAT SOVIETS ARE CONSCIOUSLY BUILDING UP LIBYAN MILITARY CAPABILITY IN ORDER TO PRESSURE EGYPT AND VIEW NUCLEAR AGREEMENT
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IN THIS CONTEXT.

4. WILL REPORT ANY ADDITIONAL INFO EGYPTIANS MAY
DEVELOP RE LIBYAN NUCLEAR PROGRAM OR NUCLEAR INTENTIONS
AND GIVE US.
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